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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No. : 09/652,841

Group Art Unit : 2815

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Examiner : Jose R. Diaz

Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

a. ☒ Submission previously submitted

- i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on March 4, 2002.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

b. ☐ Submission enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

☒ Postcard  
☒ Check  
☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet  
☐ Petition

**4. Deposit Account**

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Date:

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Respectfully submitted,

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